

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

Torrance, California,
December 13, 1921.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held this date, in the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation, was called to order at 8 o'clock P.M. by President Geo. A. Proctor. The following members being present Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The application of Knox, Peckham and Schultz for the installation of a gasoline tank under the sidewalk, having the approval of the Building Inspector was read and on motion, duly seconded, the application was approved by the Board.

Communication from the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding the changing the name of Wells Street to Double Street was read and ordered filed.

Resignation of City Marshal Ben Olsen was read. Mr Olsen upon being ask, stated his reasons for tendering his resignation, whereupon Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Mr. Olsen's resignation be accepted with regrets, to take effect as soon as successor is appointed. Motion duly seconded, and carried.

Communication From the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding the sale of the Sewer farm to the City of Torrance, subject to the right-of-way for a railroad and to the Chemical contract, which contract is a lein upon the land. The advisability of the purchase of this tract of land was discussed at length and also the effect it would have upon the voters, when they would be called upon to vote bonds for the purchase of same. Mr. J.M. Wright being present was ask to state his views upon the matter at hand, he was of the opinion that the City should not have to purchase this land for a sewer farm, for as he stated that when he purchased his property in Torrance he was told that all improvements, such as Streets, Parks, Sewers etc were included in the price of his property and that he paid for same and ought to have right to same. The Attorney stated that in his opinion the City should accept the offer, provided the Dominguez Land Corporation file cancellation proceedings for the cancelling of the Chemical contract, in accordance with the contract, altho the offer was not as good a one as he had been led to expect, he further stated that he thot the matter should be taken up with the voters at a public mass meeting. In veiw of the fact that several points in question were not mentioned in the communication the Attorney read a counter proposition which he suggested that the Board adopt. Whereupon Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Attorney draft a letter to the Dominguez Land Corporation mentioning the points brought out in the counter proposition and call the Board to discuss then, being duly seconded, was carried.

Mr. Wright again addressed the Board stating that he would like to have the matter of sewer disposal and other improvements taken up with the Attorney-General to find out what could be done in regard to having same turned over to the public. He also stated that he had purchased a lot in Torrance, which lot was not upon any public street, thot he might be orderd off of same, Mr. Wright was informed that nearly all of the streets in the City of Torrance were in the same condition at the present time and that the Board were working on the matter of having same dedicated to the City.

Trustee Fitzhugh stated that only routine work was being done, exeept that he had been able to obtain some dirt at a very small cost and had had some of the crossings over the P.E. right-of-way on Redonda Blvd. filled in.

Trustee Stone stated that as yet the dog pond was not, owing to the rush of business but would have it taken care of very soon.

Resolution No. 21 was then presented to the Board, as follows.
RESOLVED: The president of this Board of Trustees and the City Clerk of the City of Torrance hereby are authorized to make demand on the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Los Angeles County, California, for the payment to the City of Torrance of all unexpended road funds collected as road taxes from that property lying within the boundaries

of the City of Torrance and which were remaining in the County Treasury unexpended at the time of the incorporation of the City of Torrance; and, the further payment to the City of Torrance of all road taxes collected by the County of Los Angeles, and to be collected for the fiscal year 1921-1922.

On motion of Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Smith same was adopted as read, by the following vote;

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.
Noes; None. Absent; None.

The Attorney advised that the City bring suit against the County for the unexpended money in the road fund, at the time of incorporation, whether or not the money collected by the County for the current year for road purposes would be turned over to the City.

Ordinance No.13. An ordinance providing for the official bonds of the Clerk, Treasurer and Marshal of the City of Torrance., was then read the first time and on motion was approved as read for the first reading.

Ordinance No.14. An ordinance establishing the names of certain streets and avenues in the City of Torrance., was then read for the first time and on motion was approved as read for the first reading.

Ordinance No.15. An ordinance fixing the time and place for holding regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance., was then read for the first time and on motion was approved as read for the first reading.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, duly seconded, and carried. Mr H.R.Postle was instructed to make recommendations for the heating of the new meeting room of the Board of Trustees.

On motion of Trustee Gilbert, duly seconded and carried the matter of furnishing the new meeting room was referred to the proper committee.

A map showing the dangerous condition to the school children,, the traffic on Carson Street around the park in front of the school house is, with suggested means of diverting the traffic around the other side, was presented to the Board, and on motion was referred to the Street committee to confer with Mr.I.W.Barnett and to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded and carried, the matter of getting a quit claim to certain streets in the City of Torrance, those streets which attention was referred to the street committee for attention.

Trustee Stone stated that there was a movement on foot in Torrance to have a Municipal Christmas tree and that that the Trustees should help out on the expense of the tree and the purchasing of presents to be given the children.

On motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded the Board approved a donation of \$50.00 for Music and Promotion for the promoting of a municipal Christmas tree in the City of Torrance, by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.

Noes; None. Absent; None.

Trustee Stone recommended and moved that Mr. B.M.Anderson be offered the position of City Marshal to take affect as soon as the City can secure a man for the position of night-watchman, same being duly seconded, carried by the following vote;

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.
Noes; None. Absent; None.


It was suggested that Mr. Al. Garten might be secured, no action was taken.

Trustee Stone called the Board's attention to the matter of imposing a tax for the erection of oil derricks and moved that drafting of an ordinance in this regard be referred to the Ordinance committee, being duly seconded, motion carried.

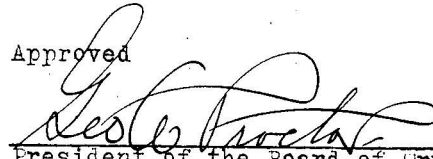
The City Marshal suggested that the City pass an ordinance in regard to the liquor question and on motion same was referred to

The Ordinance committee.

On motion duly seconded the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the
City of Torrance

Approved


President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.